

# **Abstract**

Officium to Saint Norbert and its development

This thesis focuses on Premonstratensian order liturgy, in particular, on officium of St. Norbert, its origin, development, structure and implementation within the liturgical year of the order.

This liturgical devotion is closely connected already with the early existence of the order, however, in the course of development of Norbertine devotion in the period of 12 -17 centuries significant variations in the focus of individual liturgical celebrations can be observed (memorial, triumph, translation). Celebration of the Norbertine officium later results in creation of the so-called Officium Votivum and the antiphony to St. Norbert. As the basis of source research, following documents were used: individual editions of the Roman and Premonstratensian Breviary, and, in particular, the later editions of the breviary of the period of 16-19 centuries. For the comparative purposes in general, I take into account also the first biographies of St. Norbert (Vita A, B), with their characteristic features.

This thesis should contribute to a deeper understanding of the issues of officium in the Premonstratensian context. It also points to the broader tradition underpinning the current Premonstratensian solemnity of St. Norbert, the feast of translation of relics of St. Norbert, as well as the memorial in the form of a votive officium to St. Norbert.

## **Keywords**

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